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**WORK SESSION MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 – 3:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO THE FLAG – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

- Call to Order by Chairperson Joe Derocha at 3:00 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call. Present: Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Alholm, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Derocha. - Absent & Excused: Comm. Numinen

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Board Action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (4-0)

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**4. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Taylor Kipp**, Marquette outlined projects that Marq-Tran would use the much needed funding to complete.
- **Donovan Young**, We the People Action Fund, advocated for the overlooked and marginalized population needs throughout Marquette County.
- **Undersheriff Larson**, requested the New Jail Project become in forefront of discussion!

**6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

**8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:**

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**10. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. ARPA Budget Work Session**

**Duane DuRay, Administrator along with Kamila Fassbender** explained the following: Back in early 2022, Marquette County staff, working closely with the Board of Commissioners, identified various areas within the County in which to utilize Reserve by special appropriations funding. At that time, the County had a fund balance of \$12,955,499.00. Several projects identified for funding across multiple departments and service areas.

Several of the identified projects were completed; however, a remaining balance of \$5,134,788.55 is available for reallocation. Staff has reviewed the approved projects for completeness and evaluated opportunities to finalize outstanding commitments. Working closely with the Marquette Board of Commissioners, the projects evaluated and the funding were reallocated to eligible projects, and identify new priority initiatives that align with guidelines and the Board's previously established objectives.

The original spreadsheet developed in early 2023 and a revised version identifying potential reallocations of funding.

**Summary of Suggested Reallocations**

- Supplemental Services (Substance Abuse Screening) – \$34,660.69
  - New Jail – \$707,167.29
  - Phase II Jail Administration Windows – \$30,000.00
  - Prosecutor Legal Services – \$97,029.51
  - Historical Courthouse – Second Floor Air Conditioning – \$750,000  
(Increased from original \$575,903.00; total estimated project cost is approximately \$174,097 million)
  - County Elevator Upgrades (Jail, Courthouse, Health Department) – \$551,000.00
  - Courthouse Facades / Spill Plates – \$2,000,000.00
  - BSA Conversion to Cloud-Based System – \$250,000.00
  - Alert Center Upgrades (Airport) – \$250,000.00
  - Room at the Inn – \$50,881.25
  - Janssen House – \$30,112.80
  - Transit Support – \$34,000.00
  - FBO Department Development – \$100,000.00
  - Humidification restoration – 40,000
- Balance = \$209,937.00**

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**Staff Recommendation:** consider approving the items identified above and place the remaining funds in the reserve by special appropriations funding be allocated later for identified needs.

**11. LATE ADDITIONS**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Undersheriff Larson** remarked that the HVAC seems more important than New Jail Project.
- **Ruby Miller** underlined the need to put people in the community first, stating it is hard to make a life here in Marquette County.

**13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Comm. Alholm** stated it was a good work session.
- **Comm. LaLonde** remarked it was a good discussion and wished Marq-Tran would have stayed to answer questions.
- **Comm. Nordeen** stated it was a necessary and good discussion.
- **Chairperson Derocha** applauded staff for their good work and respected Undersheriff Larson's comments concerning the Jail.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.



**Linda K. Talsma**  
**Marquette County Clerk**

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**Joseph Derocha, Chairperson**  
**Marquette County Board of Commissioners**